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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS,	)
Petitioner,	)
v.	)
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY (UP) and the STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT),	, ) ) )
Respondents.	)
Petition to 1) widen the existing concrete pavement on US Route 14 (Northwest Highway) at Algonquin Road to the south to provide a 150' right turn lane for eastbound to southbound right turning vehicles; 2) reconfigure the existing train station parking lot on the south side of US Route 14; 3) widen the radius of the southwest corner of the intersection of US Route 14 and Algonquin Road to provide a wider pavement area for right turns by single-unit trucks and buses; 4) relocate traffic and railroad signal posts and gate arm behind proposed curb and gutter; 5) replace wiring for said signal posts; 6) move the existing	,,,,,,,,,,,,,
conduit and wiring for the traffic signal interconnect	)
with Lincoln Avenue along the right turn lane and	)
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crossing gate at the intersection of US Route 14 and Algonquin Road.	)

**Docket No. T04-0075** 

#### MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITIONER'S OPENING BRIEF

NOW COMES Petitioner, Village of Fox River Grove ("Village"), by and through its attorneys, Peter M. Rosenthal, Judith N. Kolman and Rosenthal, Murphey & Coblentz, and respectfully moves for an extension of time to file its initial brief and proposed order to August 15,



2005 and that the schedule of dates for the filing of the other briefs in this proceeding be revised so that the briefs are due as follows:

Respondents' Briefs

Due: September 19, 2005

Petitioner's Reply Brief

Due: October 3, 2005

Respondent's Surreply

Due: October 17, 2005

In support of this Motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. By order of the Commission, dated May 4, 2005, the Village is to file its brief and proposed order by July 25, 2005.

2. On or about May 18, 2005, the Commission entered a subsequent order, by which the Commission Staff and the parties were ordered to participate in a joint settlement conference.

3. On or about June 7, 2005, the parties met, without their attorneys, to discuss settlement. The settlement discussions concerned primarily whether the intersection of Algonquin Road and U.S. Route 14, north of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, could be re-designed to more safely accommodate trucks and other vehicles which have a wheelbase of fifty-five feet ("WB-55 Vehicles"). No agreement was reached as to how and whether the intersection could be redesigned to more safely accommodate WB -55 Vehicles and as a result the parties could not agree upon a proposed settlement.

- 4. On or about June 23, 2005, the Village filed the Joint List of Contested Issues with the Commission. The list demonstrates that there are a number of issues that will need to be resolved by the Commission.
- 5. On May 1, 2005, following the evidentiary hearings that were held in this proceeding on April 28 and April 29, 2005, a new Village President and two new Village Trustees took office

in the Village of Fox River Grove. The newly constituted Village Board of the Village of Fox River Grove is undertaking a re-evaluation as to whether it continues to be in the Village's interest to expend Village funds and devote staff time to pursuing approval of the installation of a right turn lane for eastbound traffic on U.S. Route 14 that would be turning southbound onto Algonquin Road.

6. The Village Board's next scheduled Board meeting is July 21, 2005, at which time it is anticipated that the Fox River Grove Village Board will make a decision as to whether the Village will continue to pursue ICC approval of the proposed installation of the right turn lane on U.S. Route 14 and the modifications that will need to be made to the Union Pacific Railroad's Algonquin Road grade crossing if the right turn lane is installed.

7. Because the Village's brief and proposed order is due four (4) days after the Village Board meets, the Village is requesting an extension of time to August 15, 2005 to file its brief and proposed order, and that the schedule for the submission of the other briefs in this proceeding be revised as follows:

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The reason for this request is to allow the Village's attorneys sufficient time after July 21, 2005 to prepare and submit a brief on behalf of the Village, should the President and Board of Trustees of the Village decide that it continues to be in the Village's interest to request ICC approval of the proposed right turn lane. Otherwise, if the July 25, 2005 date for the Village to submit its brief remains in place, work on the brief will need to commence prior to July 25, 2005 and as a result the

Village may end up in a situation where it expends funds to pay for the preparation of a brief, only

to have a decision made that the brief will not be submitted, because the Village's President and

Trustees end up deciding on July 21, 2005 that the Village will not continue to pursue ICC approval.

8. This Motion is not brought for the purpose of delay, but rather brought for the purpose

of not spending the Village's public funds unnecessarily if the corporate authorities of the Village

determine on July 21, 2005 not to continue to seek ICC approval of the proposed right turn lane.

9. This is the Village's first request for an extension of time.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Village of Fox River Grove, requests this Honorable

Commission grant an extension of time to and including August 15, 2005 to file its Opening Brief

and Proposed Order and that the briefing schedule in this proceeding be revised as set forth in

Paragraph 7 of this motion.

Respectively submitted, Village of Fox River Grove

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Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil procedure, the undersigned certifies as true that she served the MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO

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